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The Quality Shop.

OFFICER ARRIVED IN NICK OF TIME

Caught Minetree as He Was Leaving House After Wild Row With Wife.

NEIGHBORS SENT IN CALL

Woman Tells Policeman That She Was Afraid She'd Be Killed.

Herbert A. Minetree, of 400 West Cary Street, who in the last few weeks has become well known to the police, was arrested early yesterday morning and is now locked up, awaiting trial on the specific charge of disturbing the peace of his neighbors at an unearthly hour of the morning and with carrying concealed weapons.

But this does not cover by half what Minetree is alleged to have done when his wife refused him money with which to prolong a spree. Mrs. Minetree, however, makes no charge, and her husband will not have to answer for the most brutal part of the affair, though had it not been for the presence of mind and heroism of his wife the house would probably have been burned.

Neighbors Call Police.

Aroused by cries of help from the Minetree residence, one of their neighbors yesterday morning, a little after 4 o'clock, put in a hurry call for the police. Policeman Krengele was sent to investigate. On his arrival, the disturbance continued, and when he knocked at the door, he was told by Minetree that if he attempted to force an entrance he would be shot full of lead. The officer immediately telephoned for a magistrate, in order to get a warrant, which would give him the authority to break in the house.

While he was waiting for the warrant Minetree came down the steps, and was at once recognized by the officer. Asked where he was going, he replied, "I am going after a warrant for Minetree." Krengele, seeing that he was about to lose his man, ordered him to halt. Minetree put both hands behind him and began to fumble with the door. The officer, seeing that he was too quick for him, in a moment the "nipper" was on him, and an ugly-looking razor dropped out on the street. This was all the evidence needed, so Minetree was hustled off to the Second Police Station. Krengele, who has been on duty since 10 o'clock, has his knuckles bruised and bleeding.

Tells Sad Story.

Mrs. Minetree's story was a sad one. With her clothes scorched and her face badly bruised from the blows of her husband's fists, she told of the struggle she had been through with Minetree, who had become infuriated because she refused to lend him \$1, although he had a good deal of money on his person at the time. According to the story told Officer Krengele, Minetree first beat her unmercifully, and then threw a lighted kerosene lamp at her head. As the lamp was thrown oil splashed over her face, and soon the room was in flames. While her husband still raved and threatened to kill her, Mrs. Minetree threw the blazing lamp out of the window, and finally succeeded in covering the flames with a blanket. As the flames were being smothered, she then gathered up the smoldering mass, threw it in the bathtub and turned on the water. It was about that time that the officer arrived, and Minetree attempted to get away by the back door. Policeman Krengele was quick to detect.

Afraid of Husband.

Though she steadfastly refuses to make any charges against her husband, Mrs. Minetree told the officer that she would have no objection to his self-defense if she could have laid hands on a pistol, because she thought he would murder her before help could arrive.

Several weeks ago Minetree's throat was lashed from ear to ear. He had Earl Holt, who had been with him, arrested, charging him with attempted murder. In the Police Court Holt made a clear case and was dismissed, and Minetree made no further attempt to convict his wife. Minetree seems to be addicted to drink, but was not considered very drunk on either occasion. Up to Saturday night, Mrs. Minetree said, he had drunk nothing since his throat was cut.

VIRGINIA ROADS WILL BE MERGED

Electric Lines Near Washington to Pass Into Hands of New Company.

STOCKHOLDERS CALLED

Lease of Right of Way Into Washington Involved in Significant Deal.

For the purpose of considering and voting upon a merger of the electric road entering Washington from Virginia with the newly incorporated Washington-Virginia Railway Company, meetings of the stockholders of the three concerns affected have been called for October 10.

These coming meetings, at which the proposed merger, it is believed, will be almost certainly consummated, are of great significance in connection with the construction to be undertaken and the operation of a new line of railway between the capital city of Virginia and that of the nation. It is believed in quarters that the Washington-Virginia Railway Company is to be the parent corporation in the new trunk line, that the Goulds are at its back and will finance it, and that the electric line now running into Alexandria and the Washington-Virginia Railway Company will be the nucleus of the system.

Goulds May Own It.

As was stated in The Times-Dispatch Saturday, there is reason to believe that the Gould interests, which now own the line from Washington to Ashland, and which possess valuable water power rights along the Rappahannock at Fredericksburg, will finance the competing line, and that it will go into operation over the tracks and right of way of the Washington, Arlington and Falls Church Railway Company. The last named road is now leased to the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway Company, and the stockholders of the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon will meet at the principal office of the company at Mount Vernon at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of October 12, while the stockholders of the Washington, Arlington and Falls Church Railway Company will meet at their office at Falls Church at the same place. At 3 o'clock, which will allow time for the transmission of the vote, the stockholders of the Washington-Virginia Railway Company will meet at their office at Falls Church. The reason given in each of the calls to consider and pass upon the merger or consolidation of all the corporations.

May Hold Stock.

No announcement has been made as to the form of the merger, although it has been rumored that the Washington-Virginia will be made a holding company for the stock of other concerns.

A charter for the Washington-Virginia was recently granted by the State Corporation Commission, and was amended last Friday. The reason for the amendment was that the company was given an intention to build an electric line from Washington to Vienna, Fairfax county. To those who are used to scenting for rats, it looked at the time as though there was something more in this charter than appeared on the surface, and the fact of the amendment was taken to mean that it will soon come to light.

Will Meet in Joint Debate.

Rival Congressional Candidates to Arrange Canvass of District.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Fayetteville, N. C., October 2.—As a result of a recent challenge issued by Mr. J. B. McCreary, a challenge was made for Congress to Congressman H. L. Godwin, which was promptly accepted by Mr. Godwin. The two candidates will meet here at a meeting yesterday afternoon, and the joint canvass of the Sixth District. In his reply to Mr. McCreary's challenge, Mr. Godwin, under date of September 29, declares it unnecessary that the joint canvass be arranged by the district chairman, as proposed by Mr. McCreary, and proposed the meeting be held at Fayetteville. Mr. McCreary telegraphed his acceptance of the proposal.

Fight Between Jail Prisoners.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Danville, Va., October 2.—The city commissioners at a meeting yesterday investigated a fight that is said to have taken place between prisoners a few days ago in the jail. They will report Monday. A. B. Mitchell, who is serving a term for a felony, was the aggressor, and made complaint that he was assaulted by Preston Turpin, who is in prison, owing to his inability to furnish bond for his future good behavior. Both of the prisoners were released, and a warrant has been issued against Turpin.

MERCHANT BLAMES CUPID FOR SHORTAGE IN CLERKS

Declares That Four Out of Every Ten Who Begin Work With Him in January Get Married Before September.

Women—particularly young women—seeking employment as saleswomen in stores or as skilled factory assistants or in almost any of the lines of industry which afford occupation for the sex, should come to Richmond, Va., where there is a great dearth of women in all positions here just now, merchants and heads of factories complaining that less than 50 per cent. of the female help needed is available. Why is it? One merchant blames Cupid.

It is true that this condition of things is attributed largely to the fact that the supply of women workers is constantly being depleted by matrimony. The merchant in question, whose firm employs regularly several hundred, said yesterday that it had been the case that four of every ten girls in his employ at the first of January were married before September. "What becomes of them? No, they don't die, nor do they move away. They get married—that's what becomes of them. Go out there in the store, take any one of the blouses of young women you find, and if you could take a peep beneath the puffs she wears you would find nothing but a vision of a flat for

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BOARD TO HEAR BRISTOL APPEAL

State Educational Tribunal to Act on Public Matters of Interest To-Night.

Among matters of importance to come before the State Board of Education at its meeting to-night will be consideration of the appeal of C. E. Anderson from the official action of S. R. McChesney, superintendent of the schools of Bristol, Va.; the election of a division superintendent of schools for Henrico county, and the reletting of contracts for a few high school books.

In the latter instance, two publishers declined to sign the contracts because of their disinclination to agree with the State Board as to the prices of their publications. It will be remembered that when the bids were asked for the publishers were requested to submit propositions based on both the single and double list plan. In most instances the single list was given the preference, but single list prices were sought where the contract was divided, say in cases where a book was adopted for city and another for country high schools. In two cases no agreement could be reached, and the contracts will, it is presumed, be awarded to other parties.

McChesney in Denial.

The election in Henrico county is to all the vacancy caused by the election of Professor W. A. Maddox as a member of the State Board of School Examiners.

Bristol situation is a new one in the educational annals of the State, and as such has aroused a good deal of public interest. Following a dispute between Professor S. R. McChesney, who is a member of the State Board of Education, and well known division superintendent of the schools of Bristol, the City School Board of Bristol declared his office as supervising principal of the schools vacant. It was this position which really paid the salary of the superintendent, and the city by the State for the work of superintendent amounts to only \$200 a year.

The City School Board, aggrieved at Superintendent McChesney's attitude in the matter of the reduction of certain salaries in the schools, employed Professor Anderson as supervising principal. The City Board has no authority to remove the position of superintendent, and the position of superintendent has been received into the church. The financial showing is equally gratifying. By the use of a bequest the main auditorium has been decorated and the church is particularly noteworthy in the year 1908 the church gave \$1,475 to this cause; in 1909, \$1,750; in 1910 the foreign mission gifts reached \$2,424. The Sunday school is well organized and yesterday numbered 464 in attendance.

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Refused Indorsement.

Judging from the opinions expressed and the petitions, the patrons of the schools desired Professor McChesney's retention. Accordingly, when Professor Anderson presented his certificate for indorsement, the superintendent refused action. Without the indorsement of the superintendent, no person can teach in the division. Professor McChesney took the position that any one who would accept the position under the circumstances was not a proper person to be in charge of the schools, and expressed the belief that the school should not be conserved by Professor Anderson's incumbency as supervising principal.

Bible School Rally.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) The annual rally of the Bible school of the First Christian Church was held this morning, at which time short addresses were made by the pastor, Rev. R. H. Ware, Professor J. S. Thomas, dean and Rev. Ralph Records, a member of the faculty of the Virginia Christian College, and L. E. Wingfield, president of the Lynchburg Bible Class Federation.

Marriage Announcement.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Irving Green, of the city, and Mrs. Andrew Brant, of the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Alma Mason Brent, to Milton Mercer Neale, of Pittsburgh, which will take place on Tuesday, October 18, at 11 o'clock A. M., at St. Steven's Episcopal Church, Heathsville.

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The subject was developed with these steps: 1. A good tendency bears good results at once. 2. A good tendency is a harbinger of a complete victory. 3. A good tendency has behind it the power of the living God. "It is by thinking in this way of our religious work that we take courage," asserted the pastor.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Monday; Tuesday, probably increasing cloudiness; rising temperature; light, variable winds, mostly northeast. North Carolina—Fair Monday, becoming unsettled Tuesday; light east winds.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

Fair. Thermometer at midnight, 60.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place	Ther.	H. T.	Weather.
Atlantic City	60	88	Clear
Baltimore	58	88	Clear
Boston	60	64	Clear
Buffalo	50	54	P. cloudy
Chicago	50	54	P. cloudy
Cincinnati	50	54	P. cloudy
Cleveland	50	54	P. cloudy
Denver	50	54	P. cloudy
Des Moines	50	54	P. cloudy
Detroit	50	54	P. cloudy
Indianapolis	50	54	P. cloudy
Jacksonville	78	84	Clear
Key West	78	84	Clear
Louisville	50	54	P. cloudy
Memphis	50	54	P. cloudy
Mobile	50	54	P. cloudy
New Orleans	50	54	P. cloudy
Philadelphia	50	54	P. cloudy
Pittsburgh	50	54	P. cloudy
Portland	50	54	P. cloudy
San Francisco	60	68	P. cloudy
St. Louis	50	54	P. cloudy
St. Paul	50	54	P. cloudy
Tampa	50	54	P. cloudy
Washington	60	72	Clear
Wichita	50	54	P. cloudy
Wilmington	50	54	P. cloudy
Yonkers	50	54	P. cloudy

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TRYING TO FIND GEORGE E. LIGON

Disappears From His Home on Saturday, and Wife Fears Foul Play.

Friends of George E. Ligon, of 606 Randolph Street, who mysteriously disappeared late Saturday afternoon, spent yesterday in a fruitless search for him. His disappearance was reported to the police yesterday, but no trace of him had been found last night. Ligon is a man of good habits and the fact that he was paid off Saturday afternoon lends strength to the theory of his friends that he was the victim of foul play.

Saturday morning Ligon, who is employed in the Southern Bargain House, went to his work at the usual time. Presumably, after he had been paid and the house was closed for the night, he went by a well known clothing establishment, where he purchased a hat, which was delivered to his residence that night. This is the last heard of him.

Ligon has a wife and two small children. He is about thirty years of age, and his neighbors say that ever since he has lived at his present residence, two or three years—he has been sober and generally a good, quiet citizen. Mrs. Ligon can give no possible reason for his disappearance and is almost prostrated with the fear that he has been waylaid and possibly murdered.

INSPECT BLUES TO-NIGHT

Round of State Inspection Ends With Muster of Battalion.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. Lane Stern will to-night complete his annual inspection and muster of the Virginia Volunteers, when he will inspect the Richmond Light Infantry Blues Battalion at its armory at Sixth and Marshall Streets. All other commands in the State have undergone inspection during the past six weeks. Colonel Stern being present in every instance. The field and coast artillery at Norfolk and Portsmouth engaged his attention the latter part of the past week.

Every member of the Blues Battalion is expected to be present to-night, in full dress uniform. Pay is received from the State on the basis of the number of men present on this occasion, and as money is as necessary in militia as in all other affairs, the work of to-night is to furnish the means whereby the Blues will live during the next twelve months.

Major E. W. Bowler will be in command, and will assist Colonel Stern. A close inspection will be made of the uniform, property and equipment of the command. As usual, a number of the women relatives and friends of the battalion members will be present.

CAUGHT NEGRO WHILE HE WAS SELLING HIS BOOZE

Wiley Downs, colored, and about one and one-half gallons of intoxicating liquors of various kinds, in various sized bottles, were deposited in the First Police Station yesterday afternoon. Downs will be arraigned this morning on the charge of selling liquor on Sunday, and the booze will be carried to the Police Court to be sold in testimony to the fact. The negro was arrested while carrying on his illicit trade at 109 North Seventeenth Street.

EVERYBODY JOINS SEARCH FOR GIRL

Summerville Purnell, Seven Years Old, Found and Returned to Her Father.

Much anxiety and not a little excitement was caused in the neighborhood of Smith and Marshall Streets yesterday afternoon when seven-year-old Summerville Purnell, of Barton Heights, who had come to the city with her parents on a visit, suddenly disappeared. Her father reported it to the police and for nearly an hour men, women and children were searching for blocks around.

Soon the telephone rang at the Second Station with the news that a little girl had been found wandering on the street and was there waiting for the Purnell child from the blue ribbon on her hair to the patent leather slippers. The father lost no time in getting down to the first district, where he proved his property and hurried back for Barton Heights.

When she was sent out to play with children of the family she was visiting, the little girl evidently set out at once on an exploring tour, in which she made a bee-line for the East End. When found by an officer she had got as far as Twelfth Street and was apparently very well content to continue the journey as far as the First Station.

Held for Stealing Coat.

Robert Brooks, colored, was arrested last night on the charge of stealing a coat from one Major Williams, who will appear against him in the Police Court this morning.

MONTH SMASHED JUST ONE RECORD

September Set New High Temperature Mark, and Was Generally Good.

Director Evans, of the Weather Bureau, was looking over his September dope yesterday to see what effect it might have on atmospheric conditions during Fair week. Glancing over his windows from the top of Chimborazo Hill he could not pick up a cloud in the sky. That of itself looked good. True, it was just a trifle warm, but nobody will complain about the heat so long as the sun shines on the big celebration.

September broke one summer record which the real summer months could not break, for on the sixth day of the month the official temperature was 93 degrees—the hottest of the year. The kiosk in Capital Square climbed way up and beyond the 100 mark. Then, just to show that it was a veritable month, the temperature got down to 45 degrees on September 18, on which day the greatest temperature range was recorded, the actual drop amounting to 30 degrees. There was very little precipitation—1.07, being the exact total for the thirty days. The winds behaved fairly well except on September 9, when they kicked up a velocity of twenty-seven miles an hour for a period of five minutes. The average velocity, however, was only 5.6 miles an hour. There are several clear days, eleven cloudy days, and twelve partly cloudy days. With the exception of the real scorching day, September was not a bad actor, and much in October may be forgiven here provided the first week ends without rain or storms.

ARRESTED FOUR NEGROES FOR SUNDAY CRAP GAME

While engaged in a quiet little game of crap in the kitchen at the rear of 115 South Second Street, yesterday, Ed Gallimore, George Gallimore, Ed Wilkins and George Perkins, all colored, were arrested by Policemen Samuels and Bolton.

Gallimore, Wilkins and Perkins were bailed for their appearance in the Police Court this morning. The others are still locked up in the Second Police Station.

ALLEGED BLIND TISER.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Roanoke, Va., October 2.—The police to-day raided a restaurant run by Luther Merchant, and captured several crates of beer and two gallons of whiskey. A warrant was issued for the proprietor, charging him with retailing liquor without a license.

SHOWS DECREASE IN NET REVENUE

Norfolk and Western Operating Expenses Higher for August Than for August, 1909.

Although the total earnings of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company for the month of August showed a gain of 9 per cent. as compared with the corresponding month last year, the increase in operating expenses showed an increase of 19 per cent., leaving a decrease of 4 per cent. in net revenue. These facts came out in the report of Comptroller Joseph W. Cox, received here last night.

Total earnings from passenger, mail, express and freight amounted to \$2,155,833.67, an increase of \$262,827.37 as compared with August, 1909. Total operating expenses were \$1,552,902.31, an increase of \$211,569.15, the net earnings being \$1,202,931.36, or a decrease of \$48,541.78, which is 4 per cent.

While virtually every transportation company has endeavored to cut down expenses so as to show a steady monthly gain, it has not been possible in view of the higher wages now being paid, the increased cost of material, and the thousand and one things which must be bought from day to day. The largest individual item in the Norfolk and Western operating expense account was the cost of transportation, the total being \$884,171.13. Maintenance of equipment came next, amounting to \$569,743.99. Still, on the year's record, the increase was not so great as it appears. The company will show a gain, despite the decrease of 4 per cent. for July and August as compared with the same months last year.

BOTH JUMPED

Birmingham Area Increase Greater Than Population Gain.

"While I have no desire to detract from the glory which belongs to Birmingham by reason of its excellent census record, it is nevertheless a fact," said a citizen last night, "that the increase in its area since 1900 was much greater than its increase in population. For instance, the area of Birmingham ten years ago was eleven square miles; its population being 33,415; its area in 1910 is 43.8 square miles and its population 123,655. In other words, the area increase was 32.6 per cent. and its population increase 32.6 per cent."

Ten years ago the area of Birmingham was exactly the area which Richmond shows to-day. You will see, therefore, that with eleven square miles Richmond has 127,628, while with 43.8 square miles Birmingham is only 123,655. It is always well to figure on the ground covered when you count up the people."

GENERAL FUND TO PAVE SIDEWALKS

Councilman Lynch Offers New Plan Which Will Relieve Property Owners.

With the view of eliminating the trouble and delay incident to the present method, Councilman John Lynch will offer at the next meeting of the Committee on Streets a resolution providing that alleys and sidewalks be paved out of a general fund for the purpose, instead of at the expense of the property owners. His plan proposes to eliminate the issuance of allegations and other details which now hamper the action of the committee.

In the event of the passage of such an ordinance, all asked to pay property owners would be to waive action for damages against the city. Mr. Lynch is of the opinion that being relieved of doing such work at their own expense, citizens would be much more ready to sign releases and that altogether the work would be done more quickly and with a great deal more satisfaction to all concerned. It is understood that the majority of the committee is in favor of the change, as it has long been apparent that the old system is too slow and cumbersome.

Only One Sure Way To have money. Save it. Deposit your savings in The Savings Bank of Richmond 1117 East Main Street.

SHOT HIS FRIEND THROUGH MISTAKE

Just a Cordial Way of Greeting Him Almost Fatal in This Case.

When he entered 118 South Second Street at an early hour yesterday morning, Sylvester Johnson, colored, was greeted with a pistol bullet from the window above, which grazed his body and entered just above the left hip, ranging downward. Walter Lassiter, who did the shooting, coolly delivered himself to the police, saying that he and Johnson were friends, and that the affair was entirely accidental. Johnson, bleeding profusely, was taken to the City Home, and yesterday afternoon was doing well, though the physicians have not been able to locate the bullet, and the wound may yet result seriously.

Lassiter's explanation of the affair was that he and Johnson had long been in the habit of shooting playfully at one another when they returned home at night. As a rule they took care to make a miss of it, but this time he made a miscalculation, and his bullet, though intended to land harmlessly in the wall or floor, resulted disastrously, the bullet being held for a moment in the Police Court as soon as Johnson is able to appear against him. The house has not a good reputation, having been raided a short while ago on account of the disorder of its occupants.

Frances Willard Union.

Frances Willard Union will hold its regular weekly meeting at 4 P. M. at 40 West Marshall Street. All members are urged to be present, as business of importance is to be transacted.